ALLIES ARE GIVEN GREEK PROPOSAL FOR JOINING WAR

Definite Proposition is Forwarded to Entente—If Recently Sold His Hotel In-Uncertainty Continues, Greece May War Against Bulgaria—Teutonic Allies in the Balkans Defeat Vast Army of Entente—British Take Trenches in Somme Battle.

Athens, Sept. 23—The Greek government is said on the best field hotel of pneumonia. He had been the state of the several weeks and had been the several wee authority to have telegraphed definite proposals to the entente capitals which, if accepted, will mean Greeces entry into the than a week endeavorir- to recuper-

If the uncertainty of the relations between Greece and the entente continues, it is regarded as not improbable that Greece may declare war on Bulgaria on her own account.

ON NEW CHARTER

Insists on Special Election

Rather Than Submission

at Regular Date.

In keeping with the plan of the ad-

Attorney Carl Foster, who has been selected as spokesman for the com-mittee of the chamber of commerce,

on it, whereas, at a special election a majority of the vote—which must be

cial election such as Mayor Wilson

tives of the administration is apparent, when it insists that the electors

who go to the polls on the regular

to express their wishes at that time

ence on the matter.

The question of the expense of a

Judge Foster, speaking for the chamber of commerce, pointed out to-

as carried into the election methods

in use here-that all at the meeting

have an opportunity to vote, and that

ral election-corresponding to

the opportunity to pass on the ques-

tion, and the majority of those voting —regardless of their proportion to the entire poll—should decide the ques-

ARE REPORTED

all garrisons in his zone reported con-

Bert Dobbs, better known on the

remarried. Word received today from

Chicago confirms the rumors that Mel-

"Bert Melrose" Is

city.

IN NEW CLASH

Central Powers Rout Vast Entente Force MAYOR UNMOVED

Berlin, Sept. 23—Troops of the cen-gral powers have defeated an entente force comprising more than 20 bat-talions on the Dubrudja front, the Bulgarian war office announced in its report of September 22. Russian and Rumanian troops in Dobrudja have been attacking Field Marshal Von Mackensen forces on both fianks of the battle line, accord-ture to a war, office announcement

ing to a war office announcement bere today. The attacks which on the one flank were near the Denube and the other southwest of Toprid Sari, 14 miles southwest of Constanza,

Germans Advancing

Behind Gas Attack

Behind Gas Attack

Petrograd. Sept. 23—German troops in the region of Lake Narocz, on the northern end of the Russian line, launched a gas attack lasting two hours yesterday and the intervals between the waves dense columns of Teuton troops advanced Lainst the Major Wilson has ordered the election of Nov. 25. The law is that the special rection must be held not more than 90 or less than 60 days, from the date it is called.

Attorney Carl Foster, who has been selected as spokesman for the committee of the comm

Entente Abandons

Rome, Sept. 23.—The retreat of the German army under Field Marshal Von Mackensen in the Rumanian today. One of his arguments is that province of Dobrukia continues, according to a telegram received by the Wireless Press today from Switzerland. llestria, recently captured by the on it, whereas, at a sermans and Bulgarians, is said to a majority of the voteabandoned to the Russian

Paris, Sept. 23-French patrols approached Combles on the Somme front last night. The official state-ment issued here this afternoon says they found a great many dead Ger-mans on the field and took a few prisoners. South of the Somme there is active artillery fighting.

nch aviators engaged in fifty-eix nerial fights yesterday. Four Geres were shot down. Flying nearly 100 miles behind the

German border, Flight Warrant Officer Baron last night bombarded the important works at Ludwigshafen, in special election, probably \$3,000 has been overlooked in the correspondthe Palatinete, on the Rhine, and at-Mannheim, across the river from Ludwigshafen. The official report of today says the bombardment caused day the principle of the town meeting

London, Sept. 23.-German trenches on a front of about a half mile east captured by the British last night, the of Courcelette in the Somme region gued, should be applied in the matter

PRESIDENT OPENS PORCH CAMPAIGN AT SHADOW LAWN VILLA BANDITS

Addresses New Jersey Business Men on National Policies.

Long Branch, N. J. Sept. 23 .- Presfor the first of a series of speeches he plans to deliver at Shadow Lawn in his "porch campaign" for re-election.

He planned to add to the first of He planned to address a large delegation of New Jersey business men on Juarez, was received here late last the attitude of his administration to- night by local legalista party leaders.

No details were given except that the The public was to be admitted to the Shadow Lawn estate to hear the attack began after dark. President's speech and several thou- Juarez, however, the staff officer in eand people were expected to be prescharge denied the rumor, saying that

Walter Hipes Page, American am- ditions quiet. bassador at London, who arrived here late last night, remained over this morning to discuss with the President British interference with American trade and mails.

SUIT AGAINST GROCER.

Haven wholesale grocers, have frought suit in the common pleas court against Nelson W. Chamberlain of Norwalk. It is claimed Chamberlain owes \$697.18 for goods purain owes \$697.18 for goods pur-ed. The action is returnable to his first wife, Helen Wallace of this

the October term of court.

WORTHY, HOTEL OWNER, DIES IN LOCAL HOSTELRY

Millionaire Builder of Noted Hotel is Victim of Pneumonia In This City.

HAD BEEN TOURING FOR HIS HEALTH

terests in Springfield For Million Dollars.

Frank L. Worthy, millionaire, owner of the Worthy hotel at Springfield, Mass., and one of the officials of the Worthy Paper Co. of that city, died here at 8:30 today at the Strattraveling about the country for more ate. He came here in his automobile from Hartford yesterday. With him were his chauffeur and a trained nurse left Springfield earlier in the week. At Hartford and other places where stops were made physicians were called to

attend him. Mr. Worthy reached The Stratfield about 1:30 yesterday afternoon and took a suite of rooms on the second floor. He did not take luncheon and in the early afternoon he retired. About 6 o'clock the nurse summoned Dr. J. Skiff Ford, the house surgeon. This latter pronounced Mr. Worthy's condition as seriouse and recommended that he not attempt to leave his bed in the hotel until he had fully recovered. Later in the evening he aw Mr. Worthy again and he then advised the nurse to communicate with Mr. Worthy's relatives in Spring-field.

Early today Mr Worthy became unconscious and the nurse again summoned Dr. Ford. Mr. Worthy sank gradually, however, until death came at 8:30. The body was taken to the morgue of Henry E. Bishop in Fair-field avenue and Mr. Worthy's rela-tives were notified by the hotel manministration to kill the chances of commission government in Bridgeport, agement and the nurse. The latter with the chauffeur started for Springfield in the automobile soon after their employer's death. An under-taker is expect. from Springfield this evening to take the body to that

Mr Worthy was about 55 years o'd and known to hotel men all over the country. He built the hotel which bears his name in Springfield and for many years it was the leading ho-tel of that city. About 20 years ago he married Miss Elsie Morgan of authorized an interview today to the effect that the chamber of commerce Springfield, one of the daughters of the family who own the Morgan Envelope Co. and wealthy in her own right. She, with one son, survive

Recently Mr. Worthy sold the hotel the matter of the new charter, if fire city, block with a frontage on Main passed, at a general election, may be street, Springfield. It is said the price passed by a majority of those voting was about \$1,000,000.

at least \$0 per cent. of the last registration list—is required. He claims that this is a better safeguard. It is well established, from the experience of Pridesection of Pr FORMER LOCAL perience of Bridgeport as well as hundreds of other cities, that a spe-**WOMAN AND SON** proposes, is extremely unlikely to call out 60 per cent. of the registered vote. Thus the duplicity of the mo-

Mrs. Mary Rentz and Child Are Found Asphyxiated in election day must not have the chance Bed at Westville.

> Mrs. Mary C. Rentz, aged 32, said of 1311 Kossuth street, this city, and Henry Depew of Pennsylvania, the her 11-year-old son, Charles Rentz, surviving heirs of the late General Jr., were found dead from gas poisoning in their beds today at West-

the majority of those voting carry the question. The same principle, he ar-They had been visiting at the home of Robert McIntyre for several days. Medical Examiner Scarborough has of the charter. All voting at the genwithheld opinion as to whether the deaths were through accident or in-

> Mrs. Rentz's home is at 145 High street, Hartford. She is said to have brother, Francis in Bridgeport. John Coffey is a foreman of the Frank Miller Lumber Co.

Graduate Nurses At Private Whist Aid Charity Fund

Graduate nurses at 1088 Fairfield enue conducted a whist party of eight tables last evening. The party vas arranged for the benefit of the Orthopedic fund. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The success of the whist brought much praise to the committee of arrangements, Misses Tillie Schaak, Margaret Magrady, Mary Bartley, trl railway about six miles south of Mary Brady, Bessie Murdock and Nellie Reilly. The enterprise netted \$26.40 for the fund. The nurses are The enterprise netted night by local legalista party leaders. planning a large public whist for the fund, the details of which have not At the Carranza headquarters in yet been arranged.

ROBERTA TRIAL IS SCHEDULED TUESDAY

The jury in the criminal superior court has been ordered to report Again Married Man Tuesday morning at 10:15. At this to be ready for the trial of Frank Roberta of this city, charged vaudeville stage as "Bert Melrose" has of this city has been retained by the accused, who maintains his innocence. It is probable the trial will continue or several days.

After this matter has been dispos ed of the court may take up the cases of Michael Rizzio and Michael Herthe grand jury for murder.

FIND MAN'S BODY **NEAR TRACKS IN** EAST SIDE YARDS

Believe He Came in Contact With Wires, While Riding Atop Train.

SKULL FRACTURED AND FEET BURNED

Unidentified, Victim Is Thought to Have Been New Haven Brakeman.

Mystery surrounds the finding by ilroad employes at 2:30 this morning of the dead body of an unidentified man about 25 years of age, beside the railroad tracks, in the East End freight yards. An examination by Medical Examiner Garlick disclosed that the dead man had been electrocuted, his skull smashed and his face greatly cut.

The circumstances of his death and whether or not it was accidental has not been determined.

From all appearances he was a la-boring man, attired in dark clothes, and wearing a blue working shirt. He was about 5 feet 5 inches in height, weight about 155 pounds, of light complexion and smooth shaven.

The police authorities are of the pinion that he was employed as a brakeman by the New Haven road. In the East Side yards where the electric wires are strung very low, a man standing upright on top of a freight train would come in contact with wires. This is believed to be the manner in which he met his death, receiving the injuries to his head as a result of falling from the top of the train after electrocution. The soles of both feet were burned.

The body is now awaiting identifica tion at the undertaking rooms of Cui-linan & Mullins.

LANDMARKS IN STRATFORD AVE. ARE DEMOLISHED

Hodern Buildings to Replace Structures Interwoven With City History.

associated with the growth of Bridge- ing, if it was seen, came too late. port is the sacrifice for progress which is projected for the section surround-ing the east approach to the Stratford and that when they left the ship her avenue bridge.

Stores and offices, lofts and factories room was flooded with water. will replace the building being demolknown as the General William H. but was quickly rescued. Noble estate, will be carried away. As a contributing cause with the fog

tile store office and loft floors with a whistle when the steamer struck. depth of about 70 feet and so adapted that the second and third floors may

ing or office purposes. In the rear of the stores on the Noble estate, plans for a large factory building have been drawn but have not been accepted by the present owners of the property, Miss Henrito be the daughter of John J Coffey etta M. Noble of Bridgeport, and Mrs.

> On the lot of land now vacant between the river and Riparian street, and abutting the properties of the Bridgeport Motor Co. and the old Automatic Machine Co.'s factory, will be erected a large three story factory

building of brick construction. Many smaller store and loft of apartment buildings are also being planned by other owners in place of those being torn down by the city to make way for the new bridge ap-

Probably no building in Bridgeport has had a more commanding position than the old Noble yellow homestead. built about 1800 by Captain Brooks, a retired sea captain, whose fleet of vessels traded with the Indies and had tem whereby the officials meet com-Bridgeport as their home port. It mittees from each operation. sat upon an eminence, nearly surrounded by water. Captain. Brooks was accustomed to sit on the front

porch awaiting the coming of his ves-

sels. The harbor rose nearly to the back porch. A daughter married General Noble who distinguished himself in the Civil war. General Noble, who with the late P. T. Barnum, was fastrumental in building up the East Side, filled the low lying flats of land upon which

many other buildings now stand. The project was a large one. The former mansion, though occu pied today as a lodging house, still bears evidence of its former grandeur in the monster ball room on the upper floor and its handsome interior finish Attorney Samuel M. Shaw, in charge of the estate, told a reporter for The Farmer today that an effort was being made to save the building from destruction, but that with 19 feet cartime Judge Tuttle has told the state ried from its front by the improvements decided upon by the city, and the fact that its foundation and chimmanslaughter. Attorney J. B. Klein ney construction prevented its being moved, there was little likelihood of its being saved.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license was granted today to Hugh McMahan, 27, machinist man of this city recently indicted by 533 Putnam street, and Anna Miko 34, of the same address.

UNIONS VOTE ON GENERAL STRIKE ORDER FOR N. 1

MAINE STEAMER ON ROCKS; PASSENGERS

Portland, Me., Sept. 23-The Eastern Steamship Corporations steamer Bay State, bound from Boston for Portland, went ashore on Halycomb Rock, just off the tip of Cape Elizabeth during a heavy fog early today. The 150 passengers were taken off in lifeboats and dories. The steamer lies high and dry in a dangerous position.

the tug Portland, notified by wireless, State about with a pitching roll that brought her broadside to the shore. hastened from Portland to the assistance of the Bay State but as the swell. steamer was pounding heavily in the ground swell it was thought advisable to have the passengers removed the vessel struck is a half mile west of the two lights and station.

Soon after daylight the steamer commenced blowing out her boilers and it appeared probable that her botom had been punctured and that water had reached the fireroom. It the coastguard crew had no difficulty was feared that she could not be saved. The tug Portland, on her arrival attached a line to the steamer but on the first pull the hawser broke and efforts to haul her affoat were

coastguard crew at 3:30 o'clock. He Destruction of historic landmarks burned a Coston light, but the warn-On their arrival here passengers boat.

> boilers were blowing out as the engine Such exciter

Another old homestead to go is that for the accident, passengers mentionof S. R. Wilmot near the corner of ed the absence of the Cape Elizabeth lightship from its station. Although In the place of the Wilmot resi- the beacon was removed three days dence, Adolph Sherman will erect a ago for repairs and replaced by a five story store and apartment block buoy, those aboard said the pilots Adjoining this will be one running the vessel at slow speed, were hundred feet of red pressed brick and endeavoring to locate the lightship The shock quickly awoke the passengers when the Bay State rested easbe used either for light manufactur- ily at first and little alarm was felt

MUST BE GIVEN,

UNION DEMANDS

Corset Workers to Insist on

Privileges in Two South

End Factories.

The coastguard cutter Ossipee and entered until the tide swung the Bay She pounded heavily in the ground

Leaks developed, her compartments filled and the engineroom was flooded. causing the boilers to blow out with by the crew of the Cape Elizabeth explosions that for a time startled the coast guard station. The point where passengers with fears of greater dangers. The calming influence of officers and crew, however, prevailed and the work of transferring those aboard was carried on without disorder. As the steamer struck only 300 feet

from shore and there was little wind, in getting out to her. When it was decided to take off the

passengers the guard shot a line aboard for the breeches buoy and the lifeboats and several dories were put in service. All were removed in boats and it was not found necessary to use temporarily abandoned.

The Bay State was sighted approaching the rocks by one of the proaching the rocks by one of the lifeboat was caught under the garboards on the port side of the steamer and submerged, but the six passengers were quickly transferred to another

First efforts at saving those aboard cutter Ossipe to the shore with those taken off the steamer and 25 persons ished. Captain Benjamin Brooks' well controlled by the crew, according were brought to the cutter itself or to built even before to the passengers. In his haste to the tug Portland and the Ossipe also Bridgeport was established and better reach a boat, one man fell overboard salvaged a quantity of personal baggage. Both rescue ships landed here. The crew elected to stand by the ship after the passengers had been re-

> The value of the Bay State was estimated at upwards of \$200,000. Indica-tions today were that the steamer would be broken up as wind and sea were increasing.

The Bay State left Boston last night on her regular trip to Portland in command of Captain Levi Foran. The years, having been built at Bath in from the slight rumblings as her hull is 281 feet in length 42 feet beam, 15 rubbed the rocks. Only a little water feet deep. Her home port is Boston.

Individual Organizations Involved in Huge Walk-Out Ordered By Leaders Balloting Today on Endorsement of Proposition — Will Be Biggest Strike Ever.

Nearly a Million Workers Will Quit Their Jobs on Wednesday If Strike Order is Carried Out, Say Leaders-Police Swear in Civilians For Strike Duty.

New York, Sept. 23-Trade unions in this city and Westchester County today began to vote on the question of ratifying the action of eighty delegates who yesterday called for a "general suspension of work" next Wednesday morning.

The labor chiefs appealed to all union wage earners to stay at home until the traction companies make it possible for them to ride in the street cars without offense to their union allegiance.

It is asserted that no such action heretofore has been taken by the trades unions of this country nor has a strike involving so many trades ever been called. Its maximum effect would call from work 750,000 men and women.

Leaders of the movement refrain from calling it a sympathetic strike. They declare that many of the unions already have voted to ratify their recommendation and that any union man who does not quit work Wednesday will be denounced as a "traitor."

To what extent they expect the unions to respond to the suspension

"How can I tell? It is up to the unions," said Hugh Frayne, organizer of the American Federation of Labor for New York state.

It is pointed out that Wednesday is the beginning of an important Jewish holiday when many workers ordinarily would stay at home. The call for a cessation of work is based on the grievance that men of union affiliaflons cannot ride to their employment except in cars manned by non-union conductors or motormen or under the protection of the police.

The statements issued by the leaders indicate that they are incensed by ready to use the military power to restrain violence and that they consider the city to be dominated by the trac-tion interests.

To reinforce the police, Commission-er Woods has instructed the captains to select ten civilians in each precipct to be sworn in as special policemen. This would add about 900 men to the

HANG ELEPHANT THAT KILLED 8 **HUMAN BEINGS**

Animal That Chased Boy in This City Has Startling Record of Misdeeds.

Dispatches from Erwin, Tenn., re lating the death of "Murderous Mary," an elephant belonging to the Sparks' shows, which recently showed in Bridgeport, have recalled the narnow escape from injury of a small boy in this city.

During the morning parade of the circus here, spectators were astounded to see a big elephant leave the ranks and chase a boy who had in glee of the occasion, approached too close to the beast. smart prodding managed to return the elephant to the ranks of the herd. There was considerable comment at the time.

In Kinsport, Tenn., Mary" killed its eighth human victim in the person of Walter Eldridge, a local spectator. The county authorities compelled the show owners to kill the elephant. Because of lack of poisons the hanging of the animal from the boom of a railroad derrick has created a storm of protest throughout the country. The animal was valued at \$8,000.

Gov. Whitman arrived at Lyons, N. Y., to attend the county fair.

department. lon's Point-Bridgeport Solid For Donovan.

Delegates Assemble at Dor-

Recognition of shop committees at the Crown Corset Co. and George C. Batcheller Co. will be demanded by the Corset Workers' Union as a result of a meeting held last night. The workers are dissatisfied with the sys-

SHOP COMMITTEE | CONGRESSIONAL

ittees from each operation. ready assembled seems to indicate the "We intend to keep on fighting until choice of Jeremiah Donovan, without a shop committee to act for all the much opposition members of the union in each factory is recognized," said John F. Pierce, organizer of the garment workers to- ability to win if the tide runs fairly

"The present system is a failure. It is hard to find dicerent committee from each operation. Many of the Seante, and is a well liked and prosgirls don't want to serve on them, aren't capable, and furthermore, are aren't capable, and furthermore, all afraid. A committee representin; all the girls, backed by them and their union, is the only logical means of carrying on negotiations between the employes and the employers."

An open meeting of the corset man. international union, will also speak. ization begun. supper, dance and entertainment will be the program.

A campaign to arouse the girl fac-

The union today received the marthe Hartford parade, for the best ap-

THE WEATHER. Forecast: Fair and cooler tonight and Sunday.

CONVENTION TO PICK DONOVAN

South Norwalk, Sept. 23.-Democrats from all parts of Fairfield county are

assembled at Dorlan's Point, this afternoon, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for Congress. Discussion among the delegates al-

Mr. Donovan has served a term in Congress, knows the ropes, has shown toward Democracy, and is an experienced campaigner.

The Redding delegation is talking up perous citizen of that town. The Bridgeport delegation seems to

lief that Donovan is the strongest

workers will be held next Friday The Bridgeport delegation arrived by Ella Reeves Bloor, organizer automobile from Bridgeport, about of the Cloth Cap and Hat Makers' 1:30. By this time delegations from union, will address the girls. Or- other parts of the county had mostly ganizer Pierce and Abe Baroff, gen- arrived, and at 2:30 the convention was eral secretary and treasurer of the called to order and the work of organ-

MACY ESTATE

tory workers to the necessity of or-ranization, will be instituted Friday administrator of the estate of his father, John E. Macy, by Judge Miller ble block and gavel they won in in the probate court today. Mr. Macv. the elder, died September 1, 1916. Hi estate consists of a house and store in Beechwood avenue and \$200 cash in banks. It is estimated at \$5,000. John M. Sullivan and John Morehouse were